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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (previously presented) An apparatus for servicing an inkjet print head comprising:
 - a print head wiper adjacent to said print head for wiping said inkjet print head;
 - a wiper cleaner adjacent to said print head wiper for cleaning said print head wiper;
 - a rotatable shaft on which said print head wiper is mounted, said print head wiper being configured to wipe said inkjet print head as said shaft rotates; and
 - an ink absorber integrated with said print head wiper and mounted on said rotatable shaft.
- 2-3. (cancelled)
4. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said ink absorber is mounted on said shaft opposite said print head wiper.
5. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said wiper cleaner comprises a fixed element spaced from said print head wiper such that said wiper cleaner interferes with a path of rotation of said print head wiper when said print head wiper is rotated about said rotatable shaft past said wiper cleaner.
6. (original) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said wiper cleaner further comprises an ink absorbing media to absorb ink that is wiped from said print head wiper.

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7. (original) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said wiper cleaner is mounted to a print media guide of an inkjet printer.

8. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said print head wiper comprises a rubber helical protrusion to reduce wiping torque.

9-29. (cancelled)

30. (currently amended) An apparatus for servicing an inkjet printer comprising: a print head rotatably mounted to a rotor of said inkjet printer and selectively positionable in at least three rotary positions; a first wiper disposed adjacent to said print head, said first wiper including a protrusion extending such that said protrusion contacts said print head as said print head is rotated past said first wiper; and

~~The apparatus of claim 24, further comprising~~ a spittoon mounted adjacent to said first wiper, said spittoon including a depository receptive of ink ejected from said print head.

31. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising a second wiper disposed adjacent to said spittoon, said second wiper including a protrusion extending such that said protrusion contacts said print head after said print head rotates past said spittoon.

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32. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 31, further comprising a cap integrated with said second wiper, wherein said cap provides a hermetic seal with said print head in one of said at least three rotary positions.

33. (currently amended) The apparatus of ~~claim 24~~ claim 30, further comprising a cap, wherein said cap provides a hermetic seal with said print head in one of said at least three rotary positions.

34. (currently amended) The apparatus of ~~claim 24~~ claim 30, wherein, in one of said at least three rotary positions, said print head is positioned to print on a print medium disposed on a platen.

35. (previously presented) A method of operating an inkjet print head, said method comprising:

wiping said print head with a print head wiper rotatably disposed on a shaft, wherein said wiping is performed by rotating said print head wiper on said shaft to wipe said print head;

rotating said print head wiper to orient an ink absorber adjacent to said print head, wherein said ink absorber is integrated with said print head wiper and rotatably disposed on said shaft; and

ejecting ink from said print head into said ink absorber.

36. (previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein said ink absorber is mounted on said shaft opposite said print head wiper.

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37. (previously presented) The method of claim 35, further comprising cleaning said print head wiper with a wiper cleaner.

38. (currently amended) The method of claim 37, wherein said wiper cleaner comprises a fixed element spaced from said print head wiper such that said print head wiper only makes contact with said fixed element during a portion of a rotation of said print head wiper and only with that portion of said print head wiper that wipes ink from said print head, such that and cleaning said print head wiper comprises rotating said wiper past an interference with said wiper cleaner.

39. (previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein cleaning said wiper further comprises absorbing ink scraped from said print head wiper by said wiper cleaner with an ink absorber located at said wiper cleaner.

40. (previously presented) The method of claim 35, further comprising reducing a wiping torque of said print head wiper by using a helical protrusion on said print head wiper.

41. (previously presented) An apparatus for servicing an inkjet print head comprising:

a print head wiper adjacent to said print head for wiping said inkjet print head;

a wiper cleaner adjacent to said print head wiper for cleaning said print head wiper;

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a rotatable shaft on which said print head wiper is mounted, said print head wiper being configured to wipe said inkjet print head as said shaft rotates;

wherein said wiper cleaner comprises an ink absorber which is disposed directly below said print head wiper when said print head wiper engages said wiper cleaner.

42. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein said wiper cleaner is fixed in a single location and does not move with respect to said print head wiper.

43. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein a edge of said wiper cleaner that scrapes said print head wiper extends upward above said ink absorber.

44. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein said wiper cleaner is attached to a print media guide.

45. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 44, wherein said ink absorber is disposed between said print media guide and said wiper cleaner.

46. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 41, further comprising a second ink absorber mounted on said shaft opposite said print head wiper.

47. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein said print head wiper comprises a flexible helical protrusion to reduce wiping torque.

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48. (previously presented) An apparatus for servicing an inkjet print head comprising:

a print head wiper adjacent to said print head for wiping said inkjet print head;

a wiper cleaner adjacent to said print head wiper for cleaning said print head wiper;

and

a rotatable shaft on which said print head wiper is mounted, said print head wiper being configured to wipe said inkjet print head as said shaft rotates;

wherein said wiper cleaner is attached to a print media guide.

49. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein said wiper cleaner is fixed in a single location and does not move with respect to said print head wiper.

50. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 48, further comprising an ink absorber for absorbing ink scraped from said print head wiper by said wiper cleaner, wherein said ink absorber is disposed between said print media guide and said wiper cleaner.

51. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 48, further comprising a second ink absorber mounted on said shaft opposite said print head wiper.

52. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein said print head wiper comprises a flexible helical protrusion to reduce wiping torque.

53. (currently amended) An apparatus for servicing an inkjet print head comprising:

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a print head wiper adjacent to said print head for wiping said inkjet print head;
a wiper cleaner adjacent to said print head wiper for cleaning said print head wiper;
a rotatable shaft on which said print head wiper is mounted, said print head wiper being configured to wipe said inkjet print head as said shaft rotates; and
an cap for hermetically sealing said print head integrated with said print head wiper and mounted on said rotatable shaft, wherein said shaft is configured to move laterally to selectively seal said print head with said cap;

wherein said wiper cleaner is mounted to a print media guide of an inkjet printer.

54. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 53, further comprising an ink absorber integrated with said print head wiper and said cap, and mounted on said shaft.

55. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 53, wherein said wiper cleaner comprises a fixed element spaced from said print head wiper such that said wiper cleaner interferes with a path of rotation of said print head wiper when said print head wiper is rotated about said rotatable shaft past said wiper cleaner.

56. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 53, wherein said wiper cleaner further comprises an ink absorbing media to absorb ink that is wiped from said print head wiper.

57. (cancelled)

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58. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 53, wherein said print head wiper comprises a flexible helical protrusion to reduce wiping torque.